**Love Is**

**Love is not the plaything of human volition, but the action of divine law. *(Charles Fillmore)***

**Because one does not see that love is an activity, a power of the soul, one believes that all that is necessary to find is the right object – and that everything goes on by itself afterward. This attitude can be compared to that of a man who wants to paint but who, instead of learning the art, claims that he has just to wait for the right object, and that he will paint beautifully when he finds it. (*Eric Butterworth, in Unity magazine)***

**Love isn't something you do, love is being. Love is not trying, love is being. Love is not finding the right person, it is becoming the right person. *(Eric Butterworth, in The Commitment of Love)***

**No one single person, church, or organization has got a corner on love, because love is a circle and circles don't have corners. *(David J. Seibert)***

**Love is not a single act, but a climate in which we live, a lifetime venture in which we are always learning, discovering, growing. It is not destroyed by a single failure, or won by a single caress. Love is a climate – a climate of the heart. *(Ardis Whitman, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Love is a strange commodity, because you can't import it if you don't also export it. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Love is the desire to bless with everything you have. *(Reg Goff)***

**Love is the dimension that lies beyond the reason; it is the reality. *(Walter Fiscus)***

**Love is but the discovery of ourselves in others, and the delight in the recognition. *(Alexander Smith)***

**Love is enjoying life in the slow lane. *(Kim Grove Casali)***

**Love is indeed the fire of life. It is like the fire that Moses saw in the burning bush. The bush burned with fire and the bush was not consumed. The energy of love is everywhere present, all-powerful and all-knowing. *(Jack E. Addington)***

**The cartoon depicts a woman waiting for the man to wake up in his hospital bed, who thinks to herself: "Love is being the first thing he sees when he comes around." *(Tribune Media Services, Inc.)***

**Love can be felt for another, but love is not primarily a relationship to a specific person. In other words, it does not need an object on which to focus. It’s like a powerful floodlight which brightens an entire room, rather than a flashlight which illuminates only where it is pointed. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 260)***

**Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable. *(Mohandas K. Gandhi)***

**Love is not enough. It must be the foundation, the cornerstone – but not the complete structure. It is much too pliable, to yielding. *(Bette Davis, American actress)***

**Love is a friendship set to music. *(E. Joseph Cossman)***

**Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired. *(Robert Frost)***

**Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand. *(Mother Teresa)***

**Love is a game that two can play and both win. *(Sam Ewing)***

**People think love is an emotion. Love is good sense. *(Ken Kesey)***

**Divine love is impersonal. It loves for the sake of loving. It is not concerned with what or who it loves, nor with the return of love. Like the sun, its joy is in the shining forth of its nature. *(Charles Fillmore)***

**Love is never any better than the lover. Wicked people love wickedly, violent people love violently, weak people love weakly, stupid people love stupidly. *(Toni Morrison)***

**Love is not so simple and malleable as many suppose. Put it in prison and it dies. Restrict it and it turns into hate. Force it and it disappears. You cannot will love, nor even control it. You can only guide its expression. It comes or it goes according to those qualities in life that invite it or deny its presence. *(David Seabury)***

**Love is the greatest power, but nobody has yet discovered how to put it into a bomb. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Love is a present that should never be left unopened! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Love is like quicksilver in the hand. Leave the fingers open and it stays. Clutch it, and it darts away. *(Dorothy Parker, American writer)***

**Love is the difficult realization that something other than oneself is real. *(Novelist Iris Murdoch)***

**Faults are thick where love is thin. *(British proverb)***

**Love is the true means by which the world is enjoyed: our love to others, and others’ love to us. *(Thomas Traherne)***

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